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RIVER CROSSINGS, ROUTE 8  
BAN NAPE, LAOS  
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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE STATUS OF RIVER CROSSINGS,  
BAN NAPE, LAOS.

2. BACKGROUND:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF [ ] FIRST REVEALED THE DESTRUCTION  
OF THE WESTERN SPAN OF THE THREE-SPAN, STEEL-TRUSS HIGHWAY BRIDGE  
(NAPE HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER NAM PHAO, [ ] ON ROUTE 8  
ACROSS THE NAM PHAO (RIVER), 0.9 NM WEST-SOUTHWEST OF NAPE.  
APPROXIMATELY 75 YARDS SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE A VEHICLE FORD,  
CONSISTING OF BOUND LOGS, WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION ACROSS THE RIVER  
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3. MISSION READOUT:

[ ] REVEALS THE DAMAGED NAPE  
HIGHWAY BRIDGE AND THE SERVICEABLE FORD SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE.

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[ ] REVEALS THAT THE FORD  
SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY A BOMB CRATER ON  
THE WEST SIDE.

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[ ] REVEALS CONSTRUCTION OF  
A WOODEN BRIDGE 0.3 NM SOUTHWEST OF THE NAPE HIGHWAY BRIDGE. THE  
WIDTH OF THE NEW BRIDGE INDICATED THAT THE BRIDGE IS CAPABLE OF

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SUPPORTING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ALTHOUGH NO ACCESS ROADS HAVE BEEN  
CONSTRUCTED. NO BRIDGE WAS OBSERVED ON [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
THE FORD SOUTH OF NAPE HIGHWAY BRIDGE HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO  
INTENSE AIR ATTACKS RENDERING IT UNSERVICEABLE.

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